

City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln Street • Sitka, Alaska 99835

Coast Guard City, USA

Planning and Community Development Department

Date: August 5, 2016

From: Samantha Pierson, Planner I

To: Planning Commission

Re: V 16-14 Variance Request for Partially Covered Porch at 1935 Dodge Circle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Kris & Erica Pearson

Property Owner: Kris & Erica Pearson

Property Address: 1935 Dodge Circle

Legal Description: Lot 1, Alder Way Subdivision

Parcel ID Number: 24785001

Size of Existing Lot: 9579 square feet

Zoning: R-1

Existing Land Use: Residential

Utilities: Full city services

Access: Dodge Circle

Surrounding Land Use: Residential

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Vicinity Map

Attachment B: Aerial Vicinity Map

Attachment C: Zoning Map

Attachment D: Flood Zone Map Attachment E: Parcel Pictures

Attachment F: Subdivision Plat

Attachment G: Site Plan Attachment H: Application

MEETING FLOW

- Report from Staff
- Applicant comes forward
- Applicant identifies him/herself provides comments
- Commissioners ask applicant questions
- Staff asks applicant any questions
- Floor opened up for Public Comment
- Applicant has opportunity to clarify or provide additional information
- Comment period closed brought back to the board
- Findings
- · Motion to approve

Providing for today...preparing for tomorrow

Attachment I: Mailing List

Attachment J: Proof of Payment
Attachment K: Proof of Ownership

BACKGROUND

The lot is currently developed as a residential property. Surrounding lots are residential in use. A house with an attached garage and garage apartment exists on the lot.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The variance request is for the reduction of the rear setback from 10 feet to 3 feet for the construction of a partially covered porch. The property is located at 1935 Dodge Circle, in the R-1 zone. The minimum rear setbacks in the R-1 zone are 10 feet. Setbacks are measured from property lines to eaves, gutters, and drip lines.

The applicant proposes a rear porch; approximately one-third of the porch would be covered. The total proposed deck is approximately 515 square feet. The rear eaves of the house currently come within 16 feet of the property line, and the proposed deck roof eaves would come to 3 feet of the property line. An uncovered deck on this property would not require a setback variance, but since a portion of the deck is to be covered, the variance process is triggered.

The lot currently has a 28% building lot coverage, and the proposed porch would result in a 33% coverage. The maximum coverage in this zone is 35%.

ANALYSIS

Project / Site: The lot is largely flat, but has a steep drop-off at the rear of the property. The rear fence is two feet inside the rear property line. This topography results in two linear feet of the property that is not of use to the owners. The rear yard is flat, and no rear decks currently exist. The rear yard is approximately on the same plane as the second story of the adjacent property. A fence provides partial screening between the two properties.

Privacy on the lot is limited due to traffic on Dodge Circle on the front property line, and access easements on both side property lines. The only feasible location for a private outdoor recreation area is the back yard.

Zone: R-1: Intent. This zone is intended to provide for primarily for single-family and duplex residences at moderate densities.²

¹ Table 22.20-1—Development Standards

² Section 22.16.040—R-1 District

Traffic: No concerns for traffic. The proposed deck is not in the line of sight of motorists on Dodge Circle.

Parking: There is enough space for parking with two spaces required per single-family dwelling unit.³

Noise: Minimal noise concerns beyond the construction period. The backyard is flat, and the property owners could feasibly recreate on the space whether or not a deck structure exists.

Public Health or Safety: No concerns for public health and safety.

Habitat: No concerns for habitat.

Property Value or Neighborhood Harmony: A partially covered deck would be an improvement to the property. The proposal as requested could reduce light access to the downhill property.

Conformity with Comprehensive Plan: The proposed variance to 3 feet does not conform to the Comprehensive Plan Section 2.4.1 which states, "To guide the orderly and efficient use of private and public land in a manner which maintains a small-town atmosphere, encourages a rural lifestyle, recognizes the natural environment, and enhances the quality of life for present and future generations," by reducing light access to the downhill property. A modified variance to 5 feet conforms to this same section by minimizing the light access impacts.

Staff Conclusion: A modified rear setback variance from 10 feet to 5 feet would minimally impact the adjoining neighbor.

FINDINGS4

- D. Required Findings for Variances.
 - 1. Required Findings for Variances Involving Major Structures or Expansions. Before any variance is granted, it shall be shown:
 - a) That there are special circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties, specifically, that geography has created a significant elevation differential between the two adjacent properties;
 - b) The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of use possessed by other properties but are denied to this parcel, specifically, the ability to create outdoor living space that is protected from rain;

³ Section 22220.100.G.1—C)ff-Street Parking |Requirements

⁴ Section 22.30.160(D)(1)—-Required Findings for Major Variances

- c) That the granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels, or public infrastructure, specifically, that a fence provides screening; and
- d) That the granting of such the *modified rear setback variance from 10 feet to 5*feet will not adversely affect the Comprehensive Plan: specifically, the variance is in line with Comprehensive Plan 2.4.1 which states, "To guide the orderly and efficient use of private and public land in a manner which maintains a small-town atmosphere, encourages a rural lifestyle, recognizes the natural environment, and enhances the quality of life for present and future generations," by allowing for the development of outdoor living space while not adversely impacting neighbors.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the Planner's analysis and suggested findings, and grant a *modified* variance for the reduction of the rear setback from 10 feet to *5 feet* for the construction of a partially covered deck.

Recommended Motions: (two motions - read and voted upon separately)

- 1) I move to adopt and approve the required findings for major structures or expansions as discussed in the staff report.
- 2) I move to approve a modified variance request for 1935 Dodge Circle. The variance is for the reduction in the rear setback from 10 feet to 5 feet for the construction of a partially covered deck. The property is also known as Lot 1 Alder Way Subdivision. The request is filed by Kris and Erica Pearson. The owners of record are Kris and Erica Pearson.

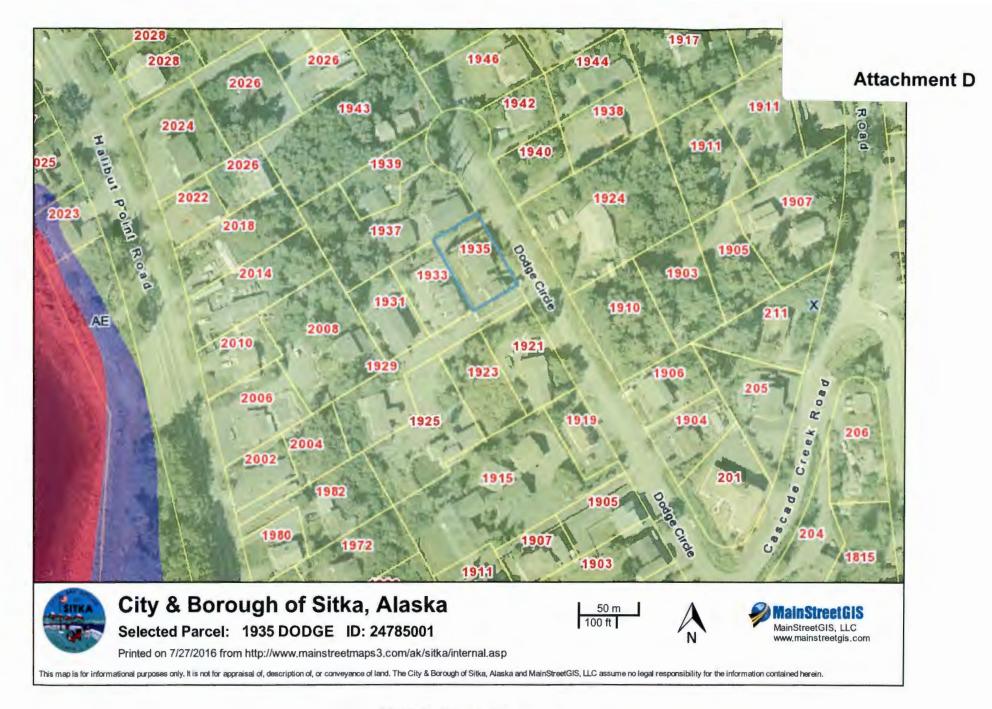




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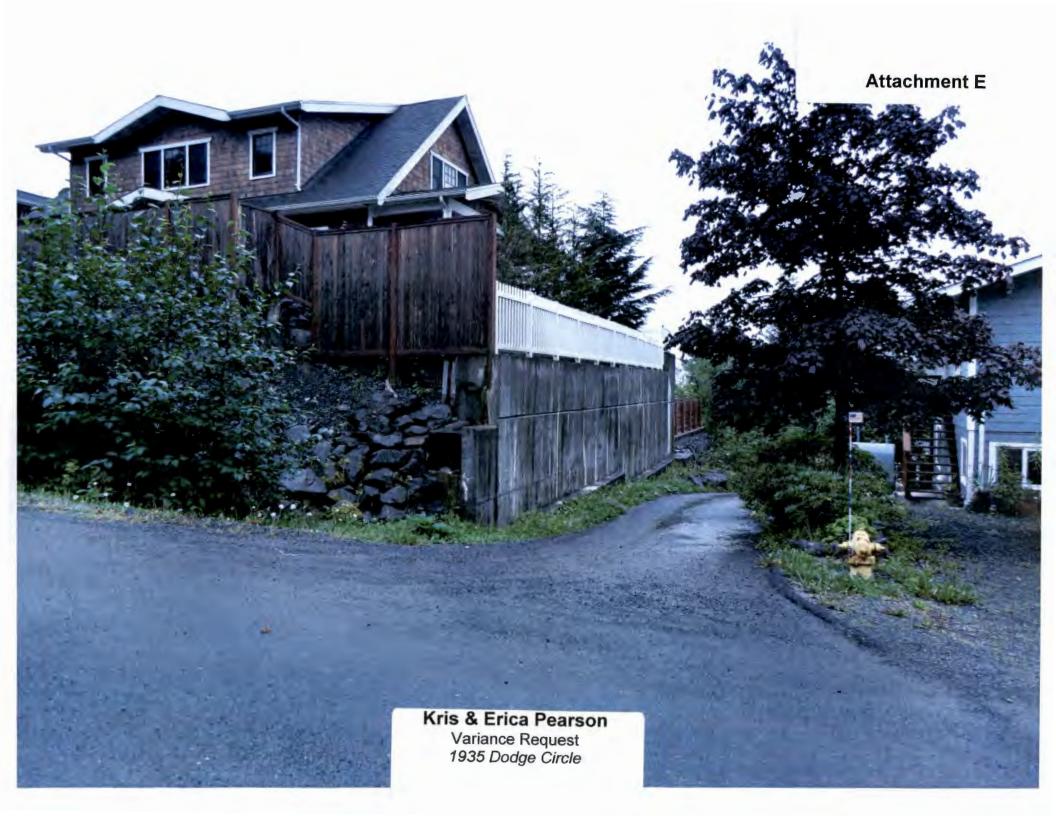


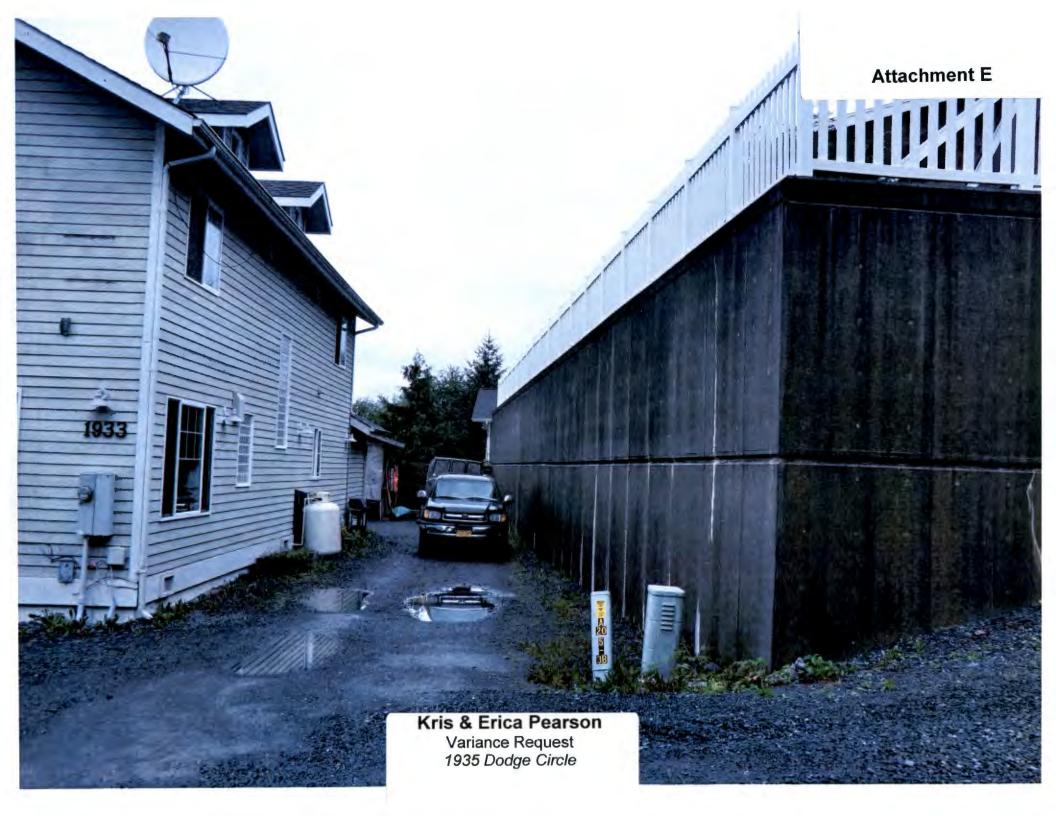
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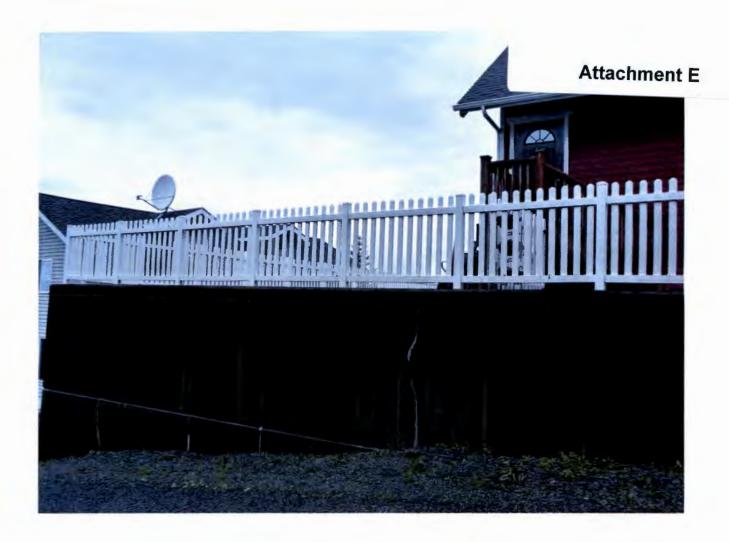












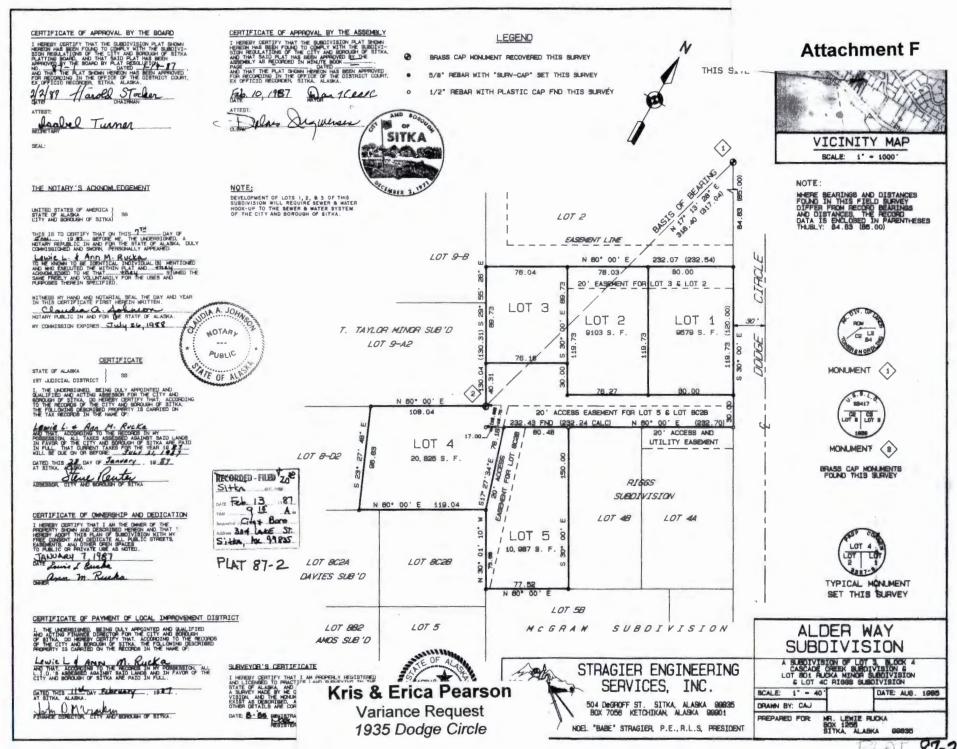




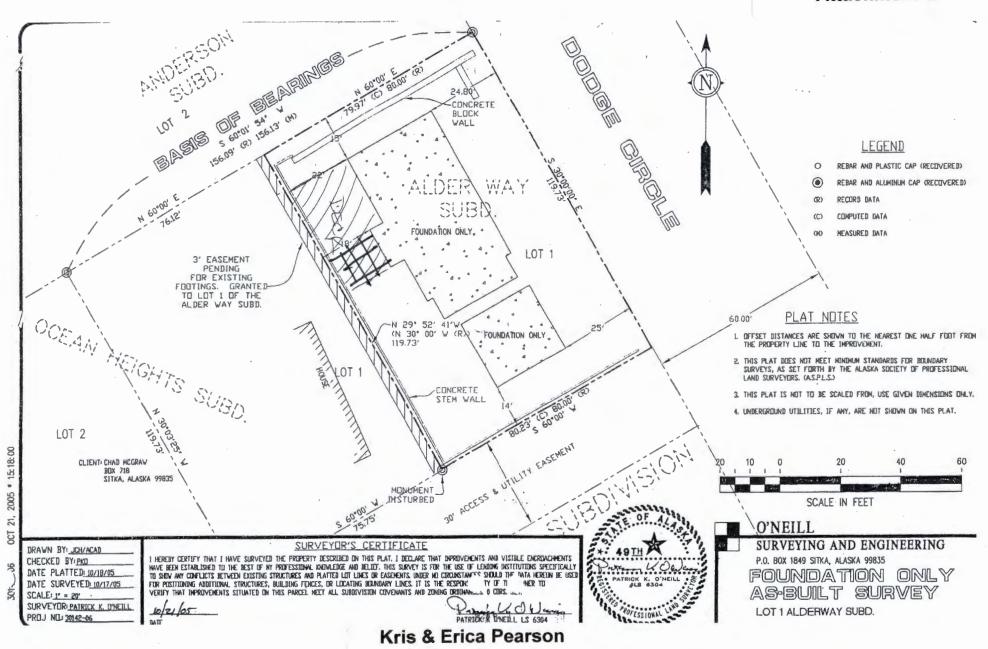


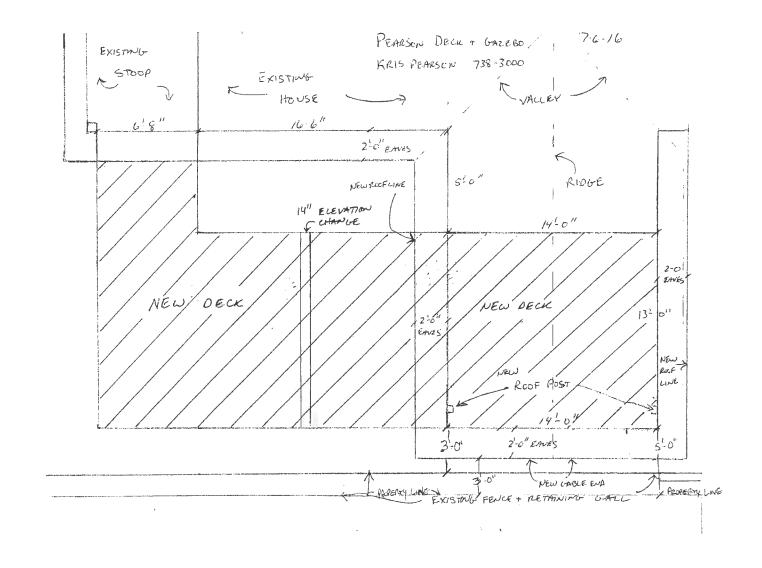






Attachment G





Kris & Erica Pearson

Samantha Pierson Attachment H

From: Kris Pearson < kris@coastalexcavation.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 2:49 PM

To: Samantha Pierson
Cc: Erica Pearson

Subject: RE: 1935 Dodge Circle

Samantha,

I am attempting here to provide a brief narrative to describe the scope of work for our deck project and variance request. Erica will be dropping off a revised sketch showing the property line and the as-built you sent me.

The deck is being built in the area depicted due to the topography of the property and the only feasible egress point in the home. The house sits on a fairly flat piece of property due to the large concrete retaining walls and backfill that was constructed prior to the completion of the house. There is a fence constructed on top of the concrete walls and with the proposed design the deck would be approximately 3' from the fence and 5' from the property line. The eaves will be 2' and will end up being 1' from the fence and 3' from the back property line.

The finish grade of the lot sits well above and back from the adjacent properties on three sides and therefore doesn't impact any of the adjoining property owners.

Please let me know if there is any other information I can provide.

Thanks!

Kris

Kris Pearson COASTAL EXCAVATION, LLC PO Box 2421 Sitka, AK 99835 (907)-747-3838- Office (907)-747-3891- Fax (907)-738-3000- Cell kris@coastalexcavation.net

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Attachment H



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **GENERAL APPLICATION FORM**

 Review guidelines and procedural info Fill form out <u>completely</u>. No request w 	ormation. will be considered without a completed form.
APPLICATION FOR: VARIANCE ZONING AME	CONDITIONAL USE ENDMENT PLAT
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:	Variance for deck,
ZONING AMENDMENT PLAT PRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: Variance for deck. YOUR SLA DACK 10 to 3 for convered deck. PROPERTY INFORMATION: URRENT ZONING: R-I PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable): PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing): PROPERTY OWNER: Kristopher C. Pearson & Exica M. Pearson ROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: PO BOX 2421 Sitka PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: PO BOX 2421 Sitka PROPLICANT'S NAME: Same MAIL ADDRESS: Same MAIL ADDRESS: Kris & COASTA (excavation. DAYTIME PHONE: 907. 738. 3000 NOTE: BLOCK: TRACT:	
PROPERTY INFORMATION:	
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APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
PROPERTY OWNER: Kristop	her C. Pearson & Erica M. Pearso
PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: PO B	BOX 2421 SITKA
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1935	5 Dodge Circle Sitka
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MAILING ADDRESS: Same	
EMAIL ADDRESS: Krise Coastalexo	
PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	
	BLOCK: TRACT:
SUBDIVISION: Alderway S/D	US SURVEY:
	OFFICE USE ONLY
COMPLETED APPLICATION	SITE PLAN
NARRATIVE	CURRENT PLAT
FEE	PARKING PLAN

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:	Attachment H
Completed application form	
Narrative	
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and location of utilities	
Proof of filing fee payment	
Proof of ownership	
Copy of current plat	
Topographic information (If Pertinent to Application)	
Landscape Plan (If Pertinent to Application)	
Drainage and Utility Plan (If Pertinent to Application)	
Parking Plan (For Conditional Use Permit)	
Floor Plan (For Conditional Use Permit)	
Three (3) copies of concept plat (For Plat)	
Plat Certificate from a title company (For Plat)	
CERTIFICATION:	
I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property described above and that I desire a planning action in General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements are true. I certify that this application meet the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowledge that payment of the review fee is cover costs associated with the processing of this application, and does not ensure approval of the request notice will be mailed to neighboring property owners and published in the Daily Sitka Sentinel. I further access the property to conduct site visits as necessary.	ets SCG requirements to s non-refundable, is to t. I understand that public
Grica M. Planson 7/21 Owner Date	1/10

Applicant (If different than owner)

Date

Attachment I

Parcel ID: 24780001 MARY ANDERSEN ANDERSEN, MARY, TODD P.O. BOX 99 SITKA AK 99835-0099

Parcel ID: 24786001 DAVID/JANELLE LASS LASS, DAVID & JANELLE 1933 DODGE CIRCLE SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24786004
STEPHEN/BONNIE BRENNER FAMILY
TRUST
BRENNER FAMILY TRUST, STEPHEN &
BONNIE
1925 DODGE CIRCLE
SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24835001 STEVEN/LYNNE CAMPBELL/CIOLLI CAMPBELL, STEVEN & CIOLLI, LYNNE -1942 DODGE CIR SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24855001 GERALD/SUSAN FLEMING REVOCABLE TRUST FLEMING, GERALD, D./SUSAN, J. 1924-A DODGE CIRCLE SITKA AK 99835 Parcel ID: 24780002 ALAN ANDERSEN ANDERSEN, ALAN, T. 1939 DODGE CIRCLE SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24786002 SITKA MAKAI, LLC SITKA MAKAI, LLC 107-A TOIVO CIRCLE SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24790001 DARRELL/KAREN RIGGS RIGGS, DARRELL, P./KAREN 1921 DODGE CIRCLE SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24835004
FRANK/NICOEE BALOVICH
BALOVICH, FRANK & NICOLE
1938 DODGE CIRCLE
SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24785001 MARK/CHERI VISLAY VISLAY, MARK, JR AVISLAY, CHERI 1936-A DODGE CIR SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24786003
STEPHANIE/A.R. BRENNER/STONER
BRENNER, STEPHANIE,& STONER,
ANDREW
1929 DODGE CIRCLE
SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24790002
DARRELL/KAREN RIGGS
RIGGS, DARRELL-P/KAREN
1921-DODGE CIRCLE
SITKA AK 99835

Parcel ID: 24845000 GERALD/SUSAN FLEMING FLEMING, GERALD, D/SUSAN, J. 1924-A DODGE CIRCLE SITKA AK 99835

Erica and Kristopher Pearson PO Box 2421 Sitka, AK 99835

> Kris & Erica Pearson Variance Request 1935 Dodge Circle

P&Z Mailing August 5, 2016 PAYMENT DATE 07/26/2016 COLLECTION STATION REVS1 RECEIVED FROM ERICA PEARSON DESCRIPTION

City and Borough of Sitka, AK 100 Lincoln St Sitka, AK 99835

Attachment J

CASHIER Front Counter

PAYMEN PLAN	T CODE	Planning	Permits/Zoning	CEIPT DESCRIPTION		TRANSACTION AMOUNT \$75.00		
ST1	100-300-320 3201.002 Planning & Zoning Permits \$75.00 Sales Tax 3rd quarter CY 100-300-302 3021.003 3rd Qtr Calendar Yr Sales \$3.75					\$3.75		
	Payments:	Type Other	Detail CC	Total Cash Total Check Total Charge Total Wire Total Other Total Remitted Change Total Received	\$78.75 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$78.75 \$78.75 \$78.75			
					Total Amount:		\$78.7	

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Kris & Erica Pearson
Variance Request
1935 Dodge Circle

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AFTER RECORDING, RETURN TO:

Kristopher C. Pearson Erica M. Pearson PO Box 2421 Sitka, AK 99835

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WARRANTY DEED

A.S. 34.15.030
CHELL (COV.)

The Grantors, MARK VISLAY, JR. and CHERYL ANNE VISLAY, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, whose address is 1935 Dodge Circle, Sitka, AK 99835, for and in consideration of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, convey and warrant to KRISTOPHER C. PEARSON and ERICA M. PEARSON, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with full right of survivorship, Grantees, whose mailing address is PO Box 2421, Sitka, AK 99835, the following-described real estate:

Lot 1 of Alder Way Subdivision, according to the plat thereof filed February 13, 1987 as Plat No. 87-2, records of the Sitka Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

SUBJECT TO reservations, exceptions, easements, covenants, conditions and restrictions of record, if any.

DATED this 24 day of JUNE, 2016

GRANTORS:

WARK VISLAT, IK.

CHERYL ANNE VISLAY

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